

Norfolk Prevention Network

Promoting Healthy, Safe and Strong Families

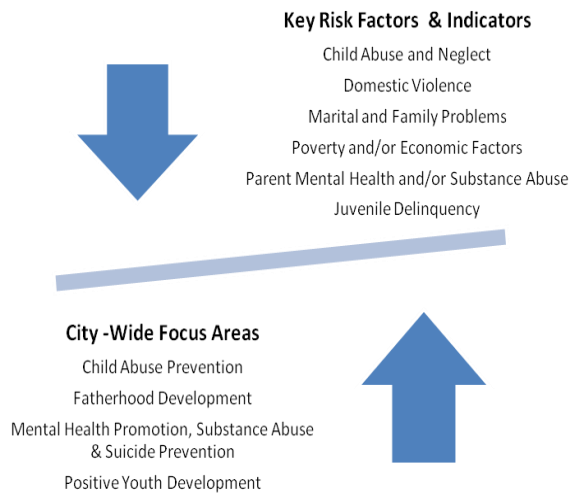


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Welcome

The mission of the Norfolk Prevention Network (NPN) is to promote healthy, safe and strong families. It is comprised of city and community leaders invested in creating opportunities for children and families to grow, learn and succeed.

The NPN has identified key risk factors and developed four broad focus areas, promoting prevention as a city-wide priority in Norfolk.



Prevention Focus

Research reveals that adverse childhood events increase the risk of health problems later in life. Exposure to stress, family instability, violence, abuse or neglect have lasting negative consequences that impact families for generations.

These experiences place children at higher risk for lower educational attainment, emotional, behavioral and psychiatric problems, chronic disease, substance abuse, poverty, teen pregnancy and delinquency.

Strengthening families and protecting children is a community wide responsibility. City and community leaders are working together to create a buffer for families at risk, connecting them with resources and programs that educate and support parents as well as promote positive youth development.

The NPN is a network of providers, collaborating on behalf of Norfolk families to:

- *Promote community education and awareness*
- *Create comprehensive plan for prevention*
- *Coordinate of continuum of evidence based programs*
- *Provide strength-based and trauma informed training to service providers*

National Prevention Frameworks

Essentials for Childhood

Center for Disease Control,

National Center for Injury Prevention & Control

The Protective Factors Framework

Strengthening Families Initiative, Center for the Study of Social Policy

Ready by 21

Forum for Youth Investment

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